



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 570

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING UNDERAGE DRINKING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) Any person to whom the sale of alcoholic liquor is by law
4 forbidden who purchases or attempts to purchase such liquor or who
5 makes any false statement for the purpose of procuring such liquor
6 shall be fined not less than two hundred nor more than five hundred
7 dollars.

8 (b) (1) Any minor who possesses any alcoholic liquor [on any street
9 or highway or in any public place or place open to the public,
10 including any club which is open to the public, shall] may be fined not
11 less than two hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, or may be
12 required to perform not more than one hundred eighty days of
13 community service, as defined in section 14-227e, or both. The court
14 also may (A) suspend such minor's motor vehicle operator's license or
15 nonresident operating privilege, if any, for not more than one hundred
16 eighty days, (B) order such minor to attend an alcohol education
17 program, or (C) require such minor to receive mental health or
18 substance abuse counseling.

19 (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to [(1)] (A) a

20 person over age eighteen who is an employee or permit holder under
 21 section 30-90a and who possesses alcoholic liquor in the course of his
 22 employment or business, [(2)] (B) a minor who possesses alcoholic
 23 liquor on the order of a practicing physician, or [(3)] (C) a minor who
 24 possesses alcoholic liquor while accompanied by a parent, guardian or
 25 spouse, who has attained the age of twenty-one.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 54-56g of the general statutes is
 27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 28 *October 1, 2002*):

29 (d) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
 30 contract with service providers, develop standards and oversee
 31 appropriate alcohol programs, including programs appropriate for
 32 persons under the age of twenty-one, to meet the requirements of this
 33 section. Said department shall adopt regulations in accordance with
 34 chapter 54 to establish standards for such alcohol programs. Any
 35 defendant whose employment or residence makes it unreasonable to
 36 attend an alcohol program in this state may attend a program in
 37 another state which has standards substantially similar to, or higher
 38 than, those of this state, subject to the approval of the court and
 39 payment of the application and program fees as provided in this
 40 section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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APP *Joint Favorable*